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SKILL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of skill development is proving as a hurdle in generation of additional employment opportunities in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to give major push for skill development during the 12th Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details of targets fixed for skill development in the country;

(d) whether the Government has also formed the National Skill Development Council to form core strategies for developing skills among the youths;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the State Governments and the Non-Governmental Organisations are likely to be involved in the said programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) to (f): Skill development is a key to improve employability and productivity of the youth. Skill development facilitates generation of additional employment opportunities in the country.

Government has set up National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) to co-ordinate & harmonize the skill development efforts of the Government and the Private Sector.

NSDA has been working closely with States and advising them on effectively implementing skills programs at the State level.

Target is to skill 500 lakh persons during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017). Government of India is funding skill development activities through over 70 schemes being implemented by more than 20 Ministries/Departments and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Government has set up NSDC under Companies Act 1956 to train 150 million persons by the year 2022 and to promote participation of private partners in skill development.